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(*b*) whether an experimental farm has been started near Salem to improve the method of cultivation of tapioca and sago?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The question of deputing to Malaya an officer of the Agricultural Department of this State along with the Chemical Engineer attached to the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, to study the method of cultivation of tapioca and manufacture of sago is under correspondence with the Government of India.

" (*b*) The starting of an experimental farm near Salem to improve the method of cultivation of tapioca was considered and dropped as a scheme for the improvement of tuber crops (sweet potato and tapioca) is already in operation in this State with financial assistance from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at Mangalore and Coimbatore. The practical results that will be achieved from this scheme at Coimbatore are expected, in a large measure, to be applicable to conditions prevailing in Salem also.

As regards experimental manufacture of sago, it is proposed to defer action till the proposed deputation of officers to Malaya materialises and their report is received and examined."

10-30 a.m. SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, குச்சிக் கிழங்கிலிருந்து ஜவ்வரிசி உற்பத்தி செய்வது வளர்ந்து வந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது. மத்திய சர்க்கார் அந்தப் பொருளுக்கு ரயில் மூலம் ஏற்றுமதி செய்வதற்குக் கொடுத்து வந்த கட்டண சலுகையை நீடித்துக் கொடுத்துக் கொண்டிருக்க வேண்டுமென்று மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு நம் சர்க்கார் சிபார்சு செய்ய முன் வருமா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall examine that, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Which is that part of the State where tapioca is most largely cultivated? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Gentleman knows that in his own district tapioca is cultivated to a large extent."

Health Insurance Scheme for industrial workers.

* 515 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Health Insurance Scheme for the industrial workers of Coimbatore has been started;

(*b*) if so, the number of workers getting benefit under the scheme; and

(*c*) the benefits that are given to the workers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" போன வருஷத்திற்கு அப்பால் ஏற்படுத்திய திட்டம் கைவிடப்பட்டதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered with reference to a previous question that the Employees' State Insurance Scheme is being taken up and it will be inaugurated in Coimbatore."

Deputation abroad of social workers.

* 516 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of social workers selected in the State for training in village level social work to be sent to Tokyo and other foreign places;

(*b*) the number of women social welfare workers among them; and

(*c*) what State-aid will be given to the social workers apart from the aid received from the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) One. Two were actually selected, but one did not appear for the interview at Delhi.

" (*b*) One.

" (*c*) The Ford Foundation will bear the entire non-recurring expenditure connected with the training of the instructor and her salaries as Chief Instructor during the training period. The State Government will bear one-half and two-thirds of recurring expenditure in the second and third years of the schemes.

On completion of training she will be employed as Chief Instructor of Home Economic Wing of the Extension Training Centre."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இப்பொழுது அமர்த்தப்பட்டிருக்கும் சோஷியல் வொர்க்கர்ஸ் எங்கே அமர்த்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? அவர்களுக்கு இருக்கக் கூடிய யோக்கியதாம்சங்கள் என்னென்ன ? எந்த அடிப்படையில் அவர்கள் சேர்ந்திருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" They had been already serving in the rural areas as officers of the Women's Welfare Department and after looking into the records of those officers, two were selected and one actually joined."

Retrenched personnel of Civil Supplies Department in Malabar.

* 517 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many officers and employees will be affected and thrown out of employment in Malabar as a result of the closing of the Civil Supplies department by the Government; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any plans to employ them in any other Government Service?